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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph [0001] under the heading Priority Applications as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/576,772 filed May 23, 2000 and entitled “MODULAR, HIGH ENERGY, WIDELY-TUNABLE ULTRAFAST FIBER SOURCE,” which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/627,069 filed ~~June 20, 2003~~July 25, 2003 and entitled “POLARIZATION MAINTAINING DISPERSION CONTROLLED FIBER LASER SOURCE OF ULTRASHORT PULSES” (Attorney Docket IMRAA.021A), which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. This application also claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/519,447 filed November 12, 2003 entitled “POLARIZATION MAINTAINING DISPERSION CONTROLLED FIBER LASER SOURCE OF ULTRASHORT PULSES” (Attorney Docket IMRAA.023PR) which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.